is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl, Z² are both H or both F,

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in (IV), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F Z¹, Z² are both H or both F,

10 Z^3 , Z^4 are both H or both F

in **(V)**, is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

15 Z^1 , Z^2 are both H or both F, Z^3 , Z^4 are both H or F, with the proviso that Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 , Z^4 are not simultaneously F

in **(VI)**, 20 Z^1 , Z^2 , Z^3 , Z^4 , Z^5 , Z^6 one element of this group is F or (Z^1 and Z^2) or (Z^3 and Z^4) are both F

in (VII), Z^1 and Z^2 are both H or both F; Z^3 and Z^4 are both H

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in **(VIII)**, is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl

p, q, s are each zero or 1; their sum is zero or 1

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is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

 F^1 F^2 is

in (X), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, indan-1-one-2,6-diyl, and possibly benzothiazole-2,6-diyl

is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F p is 1

q is zero

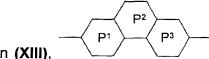
in (IX), s is (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl

is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl p is zero or 1 q is zero or 1, with the proviso that q is zero when p is 1

30 in (XII), G¹ is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of 1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or

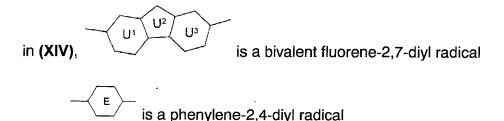
disubstituted by F, 1,1'-phenylcyclohexyl-4,4'-diyl, 5,5'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,2'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles, 5,2'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,5'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles

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in (XIII), is a bivalent phenanthrene-2,7-diyl radical in which one or two ring carbon atoms may also be replaced by N and which may be monosubstituted or disubstituted by F and in which P² can be a (saturated) alicycle

10 p is zero



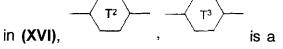
15 p is zero or 1

in **(XV)**, is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,3-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F p is zero or 1

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in (XVI), , is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F